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SUBJECT: HILL BRIEFING ON THE MIDDLE EAST

1. CHRIS AND I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY
OF MR. VANCE HAVING SOME CONTACT WITH SELECTED SENATORS AND
CONGRESSMEN NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST RESULTS OF
THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP AND HIS OWN PARTICIPATION IN THE
JERUSALEM MEETINGS. AS YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY SEEN, BEGIN
IS NOW EXPRESSING SOME PUBLIC RESERVATIONS ABOUT CERTAIN OF
THE PRESIDENT'S FORMULATIONS IN ASWAN. WE DO NOT KNOW
WHETHER THESE SIGNS OF UNHAPPINESS WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO
CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OR PRESSURE FROM JEWISH GROUPS IN
THIS COUNTRY, BUT IT APPEARS PRUDENT TO COUNSEL MR. VANCE
TO HAVE SOME CONTACT WITH HILL FIGURES WHILE HE IS HERE
SO THAT HE CAN PUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INTO A POSITIVE
PERSPECTIVE. I BELIEVE THAT A BREAKFAST WITH INTERESTED
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MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CAN SERVE THIS PURPOSE. ELVA HAS
MR. VANCE'S SCHEDULE AND I WILL LEAVE THE TIMING OF THE
MEETING TO YOU. SINCE WE DO NOT KNOW WHICH KEY CONGRESSION-
AL FIGURES WILL BE IN TOWN NEXT WEEK, IT WOULD SERVE NO
PURPOSE FOR ME TO GIVE YOU A SUGGESTED LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.

HOWEVER, IF YOU WILL CLEAR THE IDEA WITH MR. VANCE IN

PRINCIPLE, I WILL THEN SET UP THE GET TOGETHER AND
ALERT YOU AS SOON AS ACCEPTANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.
I WOULD SUGGEST THAT NO MORE THAN 6 CONGRESSIONAL REPRE-
SENTATIVES ATTEND.
CHRISTOPHER

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